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HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON SET

The TSSAA Hall of Fame luncheon will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro, located on Medical Center Parkway. We hope you will make plans to join us **Saturday, April 14, 2018** as we induct a new Hall of Fame class. The 2018 selections will be announced in March.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Tailgates. Pep rallies. Friday night lights. The new school year is here! And that's exciting news for student-athletes and high school sports fans alike.

Research shows that being a student-athlete is about a lot more than fun and games. It teaches important life lessons, too. In fact, high school athletes not only have higher grade point averages and fewer school absences than non-athletes, they also develop the kind of work habits and self-discipline skills that help them become more responsible and productive community members.

Attending high school sporting events teaches important life lessons, too.

Among them, it teaches that we can live in different communities, come from different backgrounds, faiths and cultures, cheer for different teams, and still have a common bond.

That's why attending the activities hosted by your high school this fall is so important. It's not only an opportunity to cheer for your hometown team, it is also an opportunity to celebrate our commonality. And that's something our country needs right now. The bond we share is mutually supporting the teenagers in our respective communities. We applaud their persistence, tenacity, preparation and hard work, regardless of the color of the uniform they wear.

We acknowledge that education-based, high school sports are enhancing their lives, and ours, in ways that few other activities could. And we agree that, regardless of what side of the field we sit on, attending a high school sporting event is an uplifting, enriching, family-friendly experience for all of us.

Many of the high schools in our state lie at the heart of the communities they serve. They not only are educating our next generation of leaders, they also are a place where we congregate, where people from every corner of town and all walks of life come together as one. And at no time is this unity more evident than during a high school athletic event.

This is the beginning of a new school year. Opportunities abound in the classroom and outside it. Let's make the most of them by attending as many athletic events at the high school in our community as possible.

Turn on the lights, and let the games begin!

By Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Bernard Childress, Executive Director of TSSAA.

Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline

The deadline for Hall of Fame nominations is November 1. Anyone interested in obtaining a Hall of Fame nomination form should contact Heather Carter at the TSSAA or by visiting the Forms section of the TSSAA website. Please be aware that a new form is being used, and the old form will no longer be accepted. All nominees should meet at least one of the following criteria: (1) be at least 50 years old, (2) have been retired at least three years, or (3) have been out of the particular field or category for which he/she is being nominated at least three years. The nomination categories are Administrator, Coach, Official, and Contributor.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION

TSSAA is proud to recognize Paul Pendleton as its distinguished service honoree as an administrator.

Paul Pendleton began his career in education in 1987. A 1983 graduate of Sullivan North High School, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Furman University in 1987, and he completed his Masters degree in Education at The Citadel in 1996. He later earned his Educational Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University in 2011.

He began his career in North Carolina as a social studies teacher, assistant football coach, strength coach, and head track coach. From 1988 to 2001, he served in a variety of school positions in South Carolina, including Assistant Principal. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Pendleton served as Assistant Principal at Sullivan East High School. Then, in 2004, he came to Tennessee High School, where he has served as Athletic Director and Assistant Principal.

Paul has numerous accomplishments and honors as an athlete, coach, official, and athletic administrator. He was a four-year football scholarship recipient at Furman University. He was selected to umpire the state baseball championships in both South Carolina and Tennessee. He coached championship football and track teams during his time in South Carolina. He has served as a tournament director for numerous TSSAA district, regional, and sub-state games, and he served as the TSSAA District 1 AAA Coordinator for ten years. He has served as Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the Big 7 Conference.

Mr. Pendleton has been actively involved in TIAAA and NIAAA for many years. He has served as

Secretary and Treasurer of the TIAAA Board of Directors, the TIAAA State Liaison to the NIAAA, and the TIAAA Delegate at the National Convention five times. He served on the NIAAA Planning/Host Committee for the 2007 and 2016 NFHS/NIAAA National Athletic Directors Conference held in Nashville, TN. Mr. Pendleton received the 2009 NIAAA Tennessee State Award of Merit, and has been the Section 3 Representative to the NIAAA Board of Directors. Paul is a NIAAA National Board Certified Administrator. He is a Certified Instructor of NIAAA Leadership Training Courses, and has taught numerous courses at the state level.

Paul is an active member in his community. He is a member of Kingsley United Methodist Church, where he was previously Chairman of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and a member of the Nominating Committee. He has been happily married to his wife, Evelyn Lawson Pendleton, for thirty years. They have three children, Ashley, Joshua, and Matthew, and two grandsons.

TSSAA is proud to recognize Paul Pendleton for his dedication and the many contributions he has made to students through his work as a teacher, coach, and administrator.



UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Willowbrook Golf Club
Manchester, TN

DIVISION I - SMALL

September 26-27

DIVISION I - LARGE

October 3-4

DIVISION II - A & AA

October 9-10

REQUEST TO HOST HALL OF CHAMPIONS BENEFIT BASKETBALL GAMES

Schools may choose any two dates to play Hall of Champions basketball games between Monday, November 13 and Saturday, November 18, with an unlimited number of games on those two days. These games will not count against the 24 games a school is allowed to schedule during the regular season.

The request to host form is located in your school's TSSAA Portal, and can be entered in electronically by a school administrator. An e-mail will be sent once the request has been approved.

The Hall of Champions Game Financial Report can also be found in the Portal at the conclusion of your contest(s). You will complete a single report for all games hosted.

Print and sign a hardcopy of the online financial form to mail in with your check.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Heather Carter at hcarter@tssaa.org or 615-889-6740.

CHANGES TO TSSAA NEWS

As you can see, the TSSAA News looks MUCH different than it used to. The News will now be an online monthly publication. Instead of three issues per year with almost 30 pages per issue, there will be 10 issues with fewer pages. By doing this it allows more current information to be included on a timely basis. It's not the "old" News you are used to, but we hope you enjoy the changes!

Constitution and Bylaw Changes for the 2017-2018 School Year

The following is a summary of the Bylaw changes and where they can be found in the TSSAA or TMSAA handbook. An updated version of the TSSAA and TMSAA handbooks will be available on our website prior to member schools receiving the 2017-18 printed copies. When they become available, the updated copies should be used to conduct coaches meetings. The changes are as follows:

Addition to Article IV, Section 8 (TSSAA/TMSAA Sports Calendar): This addition states that, in all sports, coaches may give individual instructions to a maximum of three (3) student-athletes per day during pre-season and off-season. IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW MANY COACHES YOU HAVE IN A PARTICULAR SPORT. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENT-ATHLETES THAT ARE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN THAT SPORT PER DAY IS THREE (3).

Article I, Section 9 (Coaches) of the TSSAA Bylaws: This change removes the requirement that classified employees and non-faculty coaches must have five (5) or more years of experience and meet all educational requirements before serving as a head coach in football, baseball, softball, basketball, and track and field. They still must be submitted to the state office properly and complete the NFHS Coaches Education courses prior to coaching.

Article IV, Section 1 (TSSAA/TMSAA – Schools Which Member Schools May Play or Scrimmage): This change allows member schools to play one Alumni game, in all sports except football, and count it as one of the four scrimmages allowed after the first official date of practice. If the game is played during the season, it must be counted as a regular season contest and put on the schedule.

Addition to Article I, Section 6 (Cooperative Programs): This addition states that Division 1 schools may only request to form a cooperative agreement with another Division 1 school. Division II schools may only request to form a cooperative agreement with another Division II school.

Addition to Article I, Section 9B (Coaches): This addition states that the use of a full time certified teacher/coach who has not been submitted to the state office prior to the date of the first contest allowed in that sport shall result in a fine of \$50.00.

Modification to Article II, Section 21 (Independent Game Participation): This change will allow the Principal to remove a student's name from the school's eligibility report prior to the first official contest date allowed in that sport and resubmit the student without penalty. If a Principal requests the state office to remove a student after the first official contest date allowed in that sport, such student may not again be certified during the season of that sport.

Article I, Section 2 (Membership) of the TSSAA/TMSAA Bylaws: Membership contracts for the upcoming school year will now be signed and submitted by the Principal of the school no later than August 1st of that school term. The original date of May 15th was causing some individuals to sign a contract who may or may not be at the school the following year.

Hall of Champions Contributors

We would like to thank all of the schools that participated in Hall of Champions games in 2016. Your generous support allows us to continue the mission of the Hall of Champions, which is to tell the history of high school athletics in Tennessee.

We want to give special recognition to Tullahoma High School for raising more than \$2,000 in its 2016 Hall of Champions games!

The following schools also deserve special recognition for raising more than \$1,000 in its Hall of Champions contests: Cascade High School, Chester Co. High School, Cleveland High School, Cocke Co. High School, Crockett Co. High School, Dyer Co. High School, Haywood High School, Henry Co. High School, Hillsboro High School, Lebanon High School, Livingston Academy, McMinn Co. High School, Mitchell High School, Northeast High School, Ridgeway High School, South Gibson Co. High School, Union City High School, Van Buren Co. High School, West High School, White Co. High School, White Station High School.

We would also like to thank the following individuals for contributing to the TSSAA Hall of Champions fund, either in general, or as a gift in memoriam from July 2016 through June 2017: Randy Barnes, Roscoe C. Bayless, Barbara Cain (wife of the late Jack Cain), Ronnie Carter (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gill Gideon, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Simpson and Mrs. Edith Nuckolls), Joe Casey, Harry Durham, Wes Elrod, Vic Francescon, Peggy Haney (wife of the late Bill Haney), Hale Harris, Ed Henley, Gary Householder, Gloria Smiddy (Wife of the late Jim Smiddy)

All contributions made to the TSSAA Hall of Champions are 100% tax-deductible. If you wish to give or would like more information please contact Heather Carter at 615-889-6740 or hcarte@tssaa.org.